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Governor's Workforce Cabinet Hosts CTE Awards for Excellence Recognition Program

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The Indiana <u>Governor's Workforce Cabinet</u> hosted the annual CTE Awards for Excellence recognition program this past Wednesday. The event celebrates accomplished secondary and postsecondary students, programs of study, employer partnerships, and guidance counselors in career and technical education (CTE) throughout the state.

"Career and technical education is a vital part of Indiana's talent development system and provides students opportunities to gain the skills necessary for in-demand, high-wage careers," said PJ McGrew, Executive Director of the Governor's Workforce Cabinet. "The Awards for Excellence program allows us to recognize the dedicated efforts of students, instructors, employer partners, and counselors that make possible high-quality CTE programs across our state."

The 2020-2021 award winners were nominated by CTE directors, instructors, and other stakeholders from throughout Indiana. A team of CTE directors, postsecondary representatives, and state agency staff then selected this year's 27 award winners. The Cabinet has put on the annual event for the past two years since becoming the state's oversight agency for career and technical education in July of 2019.

A list of those recognized can be accessed at <u>this link</u>. Additional information about individual award winners is available upon request.

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About the Governor's Workforce Cabinet

The <u>Governor's Workforce Cabinet</u> (GWC) was formed in 2018 with the mission of addressing current and future education and employment needs for individuals and employers, strengthening Indiana's economy by integrating and aligning state and federal resources, and ensuring a talent-driven education and workforce system. The membership of the GWC includes the business community, K-12 representatives, postsecondary institutions, Indiana lawmakers, and leaders from Indiana state agencies.